

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Ford on 6-6-2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims,

Claim 1 line 7 "vacuum member co-linearly aligned with the" has been changed to - -vacuum member aligned along the same plane of conveyance with the- -.

Claim 20 line 2 "a same plane on a" has been changed to - -a same plane of conveyance on a- -.

Claim 20 line 8 "along the same plane on the" has been changed to - -along the same plane of conveyance on the- -.

Claims 27-34 have been cancelled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not anticipate or render obvious the structure of the vacuum member as set forth in claims 1 and 20 in combination with the other elements of the claim. Regarding claim 1 the structure of the divider along with the alignment of the vacuum member with the other members differentiates the claim from the prior art. Regarding claim 20 the

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orientation of the holes through which the vacuum is applied along with the alignment of the vacuum member with the other members differentiates the claim from the prior art

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Hageman whose telephone number is (571) 272-3027. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Mackey can be reached on (571) 272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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